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Romulus' Daniel Helps Lead WSU to a Record Season

Romulus High School Class of 1991 graduate, Jennifer Daniel, has just completed the greatest season in her short seven-year softball career and, in doing so, she helped Wayne State University (WSU) achieve an impressive record of 43 wins to only 15 losses.

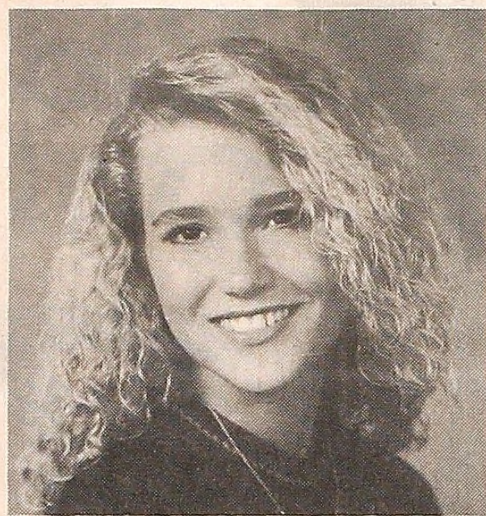
Although Jennifer finished the 1993 season with terrific production numbers – hitting .384 (second on the team) with 30 runs scored, 14 runs batted in, and 10 stolen bases – it is not her offensive ability that makes her such a valuable asset to her team.

"Defense is what Jen specializes in," said WSU Softball Coach Gary Bryce. "Jen's offense was a very pleasant surprise, but not unexpected. She has only been hitting left-handed for two complete seasons, and we knew that she would get better each year – but her improvement this season was outstanding, and very instrumental in our 1993 success."

Jen's ability with the bat, as well as her excellent play in center field, led her to be selected to the First-team All-GLIAC (Great Lakes Intercollegiate Athletic Conference) Conference and the First-team All-Midwest Region, and she is also a candidate for All-American. (The team will not be selected until all tournament play for the season is finished.)

The WSU Tartars finished as runnersup in the Midwest Region this past weekend, losing to Florida Southern, 5-2, in the championship game.

"It was very disappointing not making it to the Nationals (final four) because our two seniors (Jenny Smith and Jeanne Wilcox) have worked so hard to get us there," said Jennifer. "We all really wanted



to go, but those two, especially, really earned the trip if we had made it. Most of my teammates are coming back next year, and I sure hope we won't come up one game short in 1994."

Jennifer's parents, Larry and Janet Daniel, accompanied Jennifer and the WSU team to Joplin, Missouri, for the Regionals.

When asked what the highlight of the season was for him, Larry replied, "Seeing my daughter as the lead story on Joplin TV made me very proud. One particular throw she made to homeplate was credited with winning a key game in the Regionals, and seeing it played on TV was definitely rewarding."

Jennifer is currently carrying a 3.6 grade-point average at Wayne State as she enters her junior year as a business management major.

The Romulus News wishes to congratulate Jennifer on her success. We sincerely hope that the next two years will be filled with as much fun and success as this last year has obviously been! □

"Q & A" May Take Some of the Mystery Out of School Finance Proposal

Proposal A – a proposed constitutional amendment which will go before Michigan voters on June 2, 1993 – would drastically change the way all Michigan public schools are financed. Summarized below are excerpts of questions and answers about Proposal A, taken from the Michigan Senate Democratic Office's publication, "Q & A Regarding the Compromise School Finance Proposal," by Patti Halm.

How will taxes change under this proposal?

Under this proposal, the sales-tax rate would be increased 50%, from four percent to six percent; at the same time, school operating millages would be reduced. Currently, the largest millage levied by a school district is 47 mills, with the Statewide average being 34.6 mills. The proposal would require that millages be reduced to an average of 22 mills, with 18 mills being the minimum and 27 mills being the maximum.

Is it true that businesses will get a bigger tax cut under this proposal than individuals will?

According to a House Taxation analysis, Michigan businesses would receive a \$265-million tax cut in the first year of the proposal, while individual taxpayers would experience a tax increase of \$334 million. These figures are based, in part, on the assumption that businesses pay only about 20% of the State's total sales taxes, while individuals pay about 80%. Therefore, the burden of the sales-tax increase would fall primarily upon individuals.

Will the Homestead Property Tax Credit be affected?

The method by which the Homestead Credit is calculated would not change; however, since property taxes would decrease if Proposal A passes, then the total amount of the Homestead Credit which could be claimed would also decrease.

What impact would Proposal A have on Federal taxes?

Only those taxpayers who itemize deductions on their Federal income taxes would be affected by this proposal.

The impact on these people would be twofold: First, any decrease in property taxes would also result in a decrease in the federal deduction for state and local property taxes – and, hence, an increase in federal taxes paid for both individuals and busi-

nesses. Second, sales tax can be deducted as a business expense by businesses, but cannot be deducted at all by individuals.

If Proposal A receives the voters' approval, when will changes go into effect?

Any change to the constitution becomes effective 45 days after voter approval. In this case, the effective date would be July 17, 1993, and the sales-tax increase would be implemented on that day.

The immediate effect on property taxes would be twofold. First, 1993 assessment increases would be rolled back to a maximum increase of three percent, the 1992 rate of inflation. This reduced assessment level would be used to calculate all property taxes, including local government operating taxes. Second, districts that levy summer property taxes would be required to implement the reduced mill rates.

Will local units of government be affected by this proposal?

Yes. Local units of government would experience a revenue loss if this proposal is adopted. This is due to constitutional provision that limits assessment increases to five percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less.

The proposal also stipulates that the increase in sales-tax revenue shall not be subject to revenue sharing.

Is this just another lottery situation?

No – but in order to explain why this proposal is different, an explanation of "What happened to the lottery money?" is needed.

When the lottery was originally implemented, the revenue earned was not designated for a specific purpose; it was not dedicated to K-12 education. The revenue was simply added to the State's General Fund. In 1981, a statute was enacted which required lottery revenue to be deposited in the School Aid Fund instead of the General Fund. Thus, while the same amount of revenue was being spent on education, the source of the revenue shifted. Since then, comparisons have been made between the amount of General Fund revenue spent on K-12 education in 1980 and the amount currently spent. Since the lottery revenue is no longer part of the General Fund, it appears as though General Fund support for education has decreased. Understandably, the public has interpreted this shift as a decrease in State support for education.

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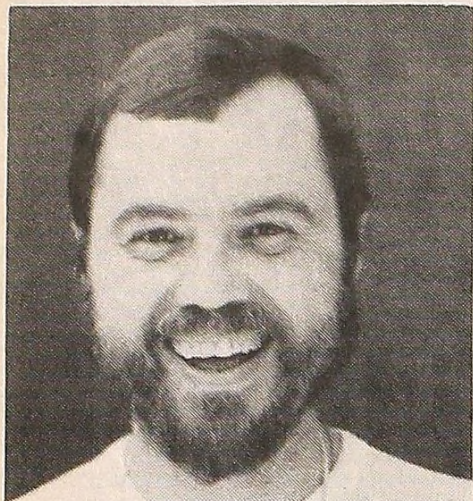
It's Festival Time!



(From left) Side by Side – Bill Jackson, Al Allotta, and Lou Marvicsin – is only one of the attractions you won't want to miss at the Michigan Week Festival. See Page 7 for details on many of the scheduled events.

The Lighter Slice

A Taxing Time



By Tom Shamanski

Are you a person like me, who enjoys watching old TV reruns as much as, if not more than, the current television fare? *The Dick Van Dyke Show*, *I Love Lucy*, and *Dragnet* are just a few of my favorites.

With its straight, "just the facts" approach, *Dragnet*—which starred the late Jack Webb—has been called one of TV's more realistic portrayals of daily police work. (My sister, Judy The Boss, called it that just last Monday.)

However, I sometimes wonder how *Dragnet*'s Sergeant Joe Friday would have coped if the show had been set in today's society.

FRIDAY (F): Just the facts, Ma'am, that's all I want . . . just the facts.

SUSPECT SUE (SS): Okay, Sergeant, but what fax are you referring to?

F: We believe that you falsely reported your City income tax, Ma'am. I want the tax facts.

SS: Okay again, Sergeant, but our copy of the City's fax on our tax hasn't come in yet. Shall I fax you the facts when the fax on the tax comes in?

F: Huh?

SS: Well, you know, I'm not skipping town, or nothing, so I'll voluntarily fax you the tax fax. What's your fax number?

F: Well, we usually have fact number one, fact number two, and so on.

SS: No, no, I mean what number should I call to fax you the tax facts?

F: Stop right there, Lady, and listen to me. You know that this is the City. You know that tax fraud is a crime. When that happens, you know I go to work—I'm a cop. Besides, what in the world are you talking about, anyway?

SS: Sergeant, I'm aware of everything you just said. Also, I'm willing to cooperate with your investigation and give you all the tax facts. But, again, that fax hasn't come in, and I'm now on my way to meet my boss Max. He cut himself while hanging wallpaper with tacks, and now he's more sure than ever that he has some vitamin lacks. . . . And you know what, Sergeant?

F: What's that, Ma'am?

SS: I really don't care.

F: Yes, Ma'am.

SS: When I return, if the tax fax has come in, I'll gladly fax you the info regarding that fax. And that, Sergeant, is a fact.

F: Yes, Ma'am; finally, an actual fact. . . . Listen, I don't feel very well; why don't you just mail all this stuff to me?

* * *

Soon after this exchange, Sergeant Joe Friday retired from the LAPD and is now practicing judo and corporate law with Wally and "The Beave."

After a preliminary hearing, Suspect Sue was bound over to the Los Angeles tax court. She was later found innocent of all charges of not paying her tax, although her records were a bit lax, said the judge, after reviewing the facts.

Max, after consulting with Ricky Ricardo regarding his alleged vitamin lacks, went out to buy new slacks. You see, Ricky told Max he was getting fat and stretching his old slacks to the max.

As to why the old, tight slacks of Max seemed to indicate some vitamin lacks, we have to turn to one of Friday's old girlfriends, Tuesday Weld. More on that next Wednesday. □

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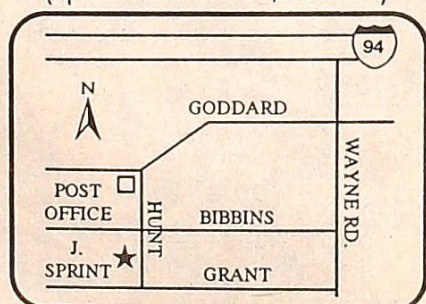
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Each year, the students and staff set new reading goals for each student and class to achieve during National Reading Month. This year's School goal was 1,500 books! Although the overall School goal was just barely met for this year, four classes actually exceeded their classroom goals and several students topped their individual goal.

Third-grader Dana Noble was Barth's top reader, finishing 84 books in March! She was followed by Lonnie McCollum (73 books), Christina Bouquenoy (72 books), and Lindsay Hoppe and Ruby Lee (50 books).

Barth School wishes to thank its business partners, Fitzpatrick Restaurants, Inc. (owners of the Eureka Road Burger King), who supplied lunches for the students; the students' chaperone, Mrs. Cheryl Smith, Barth's Media Technician; and ACS Limousine Service, located on Goddard Road in downtown Romulus, for a special rate on the Lincoln Limo. The students enjoyed their ride and the color TV, tape deck, and divider window, as well as their tuxedo-clad driver, Keith.



Upon their arrival at Burger King, the nine students and Mrs. Smith "custom-ordered" from the menu and received trading cards and a Burger King crown. The students, with encouragement from Mrs. Smith, asked for and received a Burger King crown for Barth principal Harold Connon.

Looking ahead to next year, students and staff are considering using other staff members to temporarily man positions with the various business partners, as Mr. Connon did at Burger King in payment of his "book bet" with the Barth students.

Encouraging Barth Elementary students to read has been a major goal of the Barth staff on their school improvement goals. □

Q & A: PROPOSAL A

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Because of the public's skepticism as a result of the lottery misunderstanding, Proposal A would guarantee that each school district would receive a specific amount of revenue per pupil. The per-pupil revenue that each school district would be guaranteed is called the "foundation grant." This grant would be equal to \$4,800 per pupil for the 1993-1994 school year.

However, school districts with less than \$4,800 in per-pupil revenues could not receive more than a 10% increase each year. Each school district would be guaranteed at least a three-percent increase in per-pupil revenues, providing that they levied sufficient millage.

Finally, the foundation grant would increase each year by the same amount that sales-tax revenue, property-tax revenue, and lottery revenue increased.

What does the \$4,800 Foundation Grant include?

The constitutional amendment does not specify what is included in the foundation grant; an implementing statute would be required. However, it is understood that the foundation grant would include all State and Local revenues, with the exception of adult education, special education, and possibly trans-

portation for special education. It appears, at this time, that these would be the only "categoricals" that would be funded outside of the basic grant. Additionally, school districts would be required to fund FICA and current retirement costs. Future increases in retirement costs would be shared equally by the State and the school districts.

How will this proposal affect those who rent their homes?

Under Proposal A, renters would not be granted specific property-tax relief. However, to the extent that landlords might be willing to reflect lower property taxes in the form of lower rents, renters might obtain some relief. Like everyone else, renters would be required to pay the increased sales tax.

How would Proposal A affect senior citizens?

Again, the impact on specific taxpayers would depend on many variables. As such, a generic answer cannot be provided.

However, it should be noted that there are no specific provisions that would specifically benefit senior citizens. And, like other taxpayers, senior citizens who receive less than \$1,200 maximum allowable homestead credit would receive little or no property-tax relief. □

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Romulus Profile: Casmier Kasperek

By Tom Shamanski

Casmier C. Kasperek is one of a dying breed: a self-made businessman.

Originally from Romulus, the Van Buren resident bought the first of his business concerns — Metro Radiator Repair Service — in 1968, and started Rey-Mart Asphalt Company the following year; both businesses are located at 36124 Goddard.

In a recent interview, when asked to comment on his start in business, Kasperek said, "First of all, I remember when I was a young kid, I actually used to deliver papers to this place. Then, when I was 34, I bought the radiator repair business right here on this very spot."

However, it seems that his asphalt business is where Kasperek is most involved.

"Mainly," said Kasperek, "I go out, on a daily basis, and estimate and sell jobs. Also, I coordinate all the work that needs to be done, as well as make sure the work is done properly."

Then, smiling, he added, "I don't know, but I must be doing something right, since I've been doing this for more than 20 years!"

Throughout those years, Rey-Mart Asphalt has served an enormous number of clients, both residential and commercial. A partial listing of Kasperek's business clients would include Kelsey-Hayes, Eaton Chemicals, Wonder Bread, Oakite Products, Crane Funeral Home, Romulus Hardware, and Romulus Auto Supply/Romulus Video.

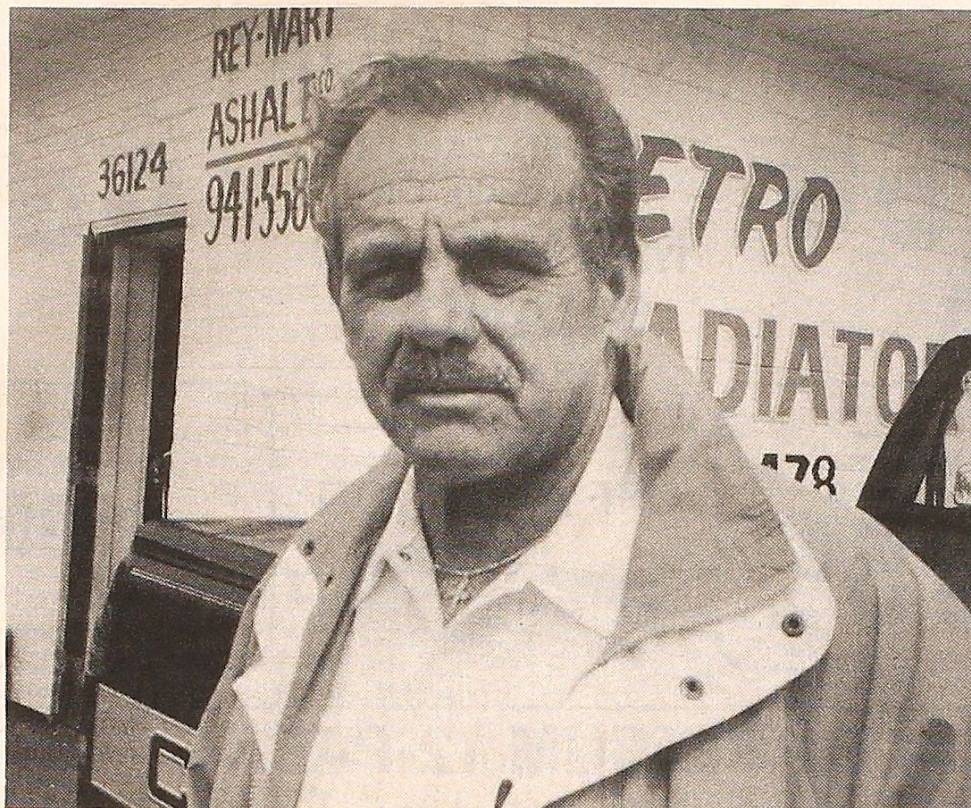
Said Kasperek, "I've also been fortunate enough to have done several jobs for the City. For the most part, this has involved repairing City roads."

Besides the six or seven workers that Kasperek hires for Rey-Mart during the summer — the peak time for the company's operation — he also employs two full-time employees there. Mike Warren, a heavy-equipment operator, has been with Kasperek for 23 years, and David Mullins has worked as a truck driver and equipment operator for the past 17 years.

At Kasperek's Metro Radiator Repair, Phil Honeywell — a 23-year, full-time employee — is presently the manager of that concern.

When queried as to his future business plans, Kasperek replied, "I think I'd like to continue working for another year or two, and then retire. I'd like to see my two sons take over the business — but, at this point, I'm not sure that will happen."

Kasperek quit school and joined the National Guard in August of 1950. Due to the Korean Conflict, his unit was activated on February 1, 1951. Stationed in Arizona, Kasperek served — actively and inactively — for a total of three years, first in the military police and then with his unit's food-service department.



"After my discharge," Kasperek laughed, "I was never so happy to get back to Romulus! Actually, I enjoyed my term of service — but, at the time, I was glad to get out."

In a more serious vein, Kasperek then noted that he has occasionally wondered if he would have benefited more by remaining in the service. By this time, he speculated, he likely would have already notched several years as a top-ranking sergeant.

For the past 14 years, Kasperek has been a member of the Romulus Rotary Club. Although he served on the Rotary's Board of Directors, he has not, to this point, sought to be a Club officer.

"Becoming an officer," Kasperek said, "and then going through the chairs (a process which takes members through each office up to president) would simply be too time consuming for me, now. However, that's something I may do after retirement."

Currently, Kasperek is involved in the ongoing Romulus Veterans' Memorial project. Although the Memorial — which was officially dedicated last summer during the City's Fourth of July celebration — was the product of many people's efforts, the Romulus Rotary Club was the main force behind its planning and execution.

When asked to comment on the Memorial, Kasperek said, "I think it was something that was long overdue. Also, I feel that Bill Crane did a terrific job as chairman of the Memorial Committee."

"Overall," he summarized, "I think that the Monument turned out to be truly beautiful."

Kasperek then noted that plans are in the works for another wall to be added to the existing structure. Five hundred bricks that are presently located on the Monument's walkway will then be trans-

ferred to the new wall. These new bricks, Kasperek added, will be reserved exclusively for veterans.

Turning to what he sees as the good and bad points of Romulus, Kasperek stated, "I've always liked Romulus — both now and 'back then,' before the Airport was constructed. For me, Romulus has always been a good place to do business, and the Romulus people have treated me very well. This is my 'home,' and I feel I have many friends here."

"However," he continued, "I don't like the Airport being in the City — although I can accept it. I feel that, if anything, the Airport has been detrimental to Romulus; but it seems that all we can do with regard to the Airport is hope for the best."

Kasperek continued, saying that, during his business tenure in Romulus, the City has changed drastically, especially in the Downtown area.

"The changes," he explained, "are there, but they're hard to recognize because they've taken place over such a long period of time. We used to have a theater here, a number of car dealerships, and several other retail businesses."

Kasperek is hopeful that the construction of local businessman Ron Brugger's new Romulus Auto Parts facility will revitalize Downtown Romulus — but, altogether, he doesn't see much promise of new retailers coming to the Area.

"With Romulus being divided by the Airport, railroads, and expressways," he said, "I sometimes feel I've been lucky to survive here. But there's definitely some good changes happening now, and the City seems to be on the upswing."

One of these positive changes, he said, is the recent construction of new homes in Romulus. As new families locate in the area, Kasperek hopes that

they will become involved in community activities and concerns.

Kasperek and his wife Carol Jean have been married for 26 years. A 1960 graduate of University of Detroit Mercy, where she received her degree as a medical records librarian, Carol Jean put her career on hold to work in the home, raising the couple's three children. In 1990, she returned to school at Ypsilanti's Eastern Michigan University (EMU) and received her master's degree in counseling. Carol Jean "loved going back to work," said Kasperek, adding that she presently teaches seventh grade in New Boston's St. Stephen's school system.

At 24 years of age, daughter Renee is the oldest of the Kaspereks' children. A recent graduate of EMU, Renee now works in sales for Lord & Taylor at Dearborn's Fairlane shopping mall. Renee currently resides in Romulus.

Twenty-three-year-old Martin attended Ferris State University for one year, and is now continuing his education at Schoolcraft College.

Michael, 20, attends University of Michigan-Dearborn on a full-time basis, and is now in the process of deciding which field he wants to enter.

Martin and Michael, who live together in Livonia, are full-time seasonal employees in their dad's asphalt company.

It was while we were discussing his family that Kasperek made special note of his sister and brother-in-law, Julia and Clarence Kamin. Kasperek described the Romulus couple as his longtime "mentors, guiding light, and inspiration."

During his leisure time, Kasperek enjoys feeding the birds and the fish in his backyard pond. He also likes to garden and, on occasion, to golf.

Carol Jean is an avid traveler, and has visited Poland, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Mexico, and Ireland. In this country, she has journeyed to Alaska and several of the New England states. This year, Carol Jean is planning to go "Down Under" to New Zealand and Australia.

As we wrapped up our interview, Kasperek said that he has enjoyed doing business in Romulus because of all the people he's met.

"There are so many good people . . . many more good than bad," Kasperek concluded.

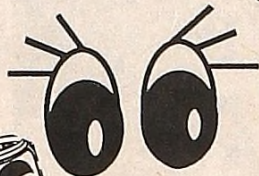
And perhaps it's this positive attitude that has enabled "Kaz" Kasperek to be such a successful Romulus businessman. The extroverted, energetic Kasperek has always tried to help other people whenever possible — and the residents of Romulus, who have obviously recognized this generous trait, have rewarded him — in business and, more importantly, in friendship. □

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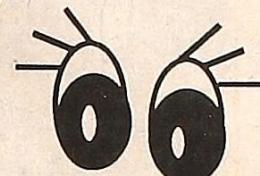


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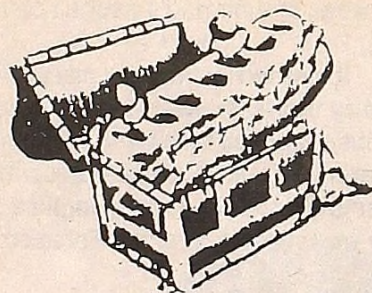
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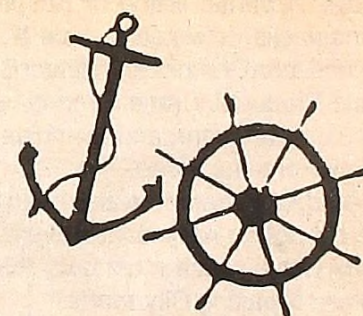
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There will be plenty of fun during the City's celebration of Michigan Week with the Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1993. Here's a peek at some of the many activities and events that you can look forward to enjoying.

It's Carnival Time!

W.G. Wade Shows will be providing the carnival entertainment for the week.

Ride-all-day tickets, only \$8 each, will be offered Tuesday, May 18, through Thursday, May 20; on Sunday, May 23, an \$8 pay-one-price ticket allows you to ride from 4 to 10 p.m.

Everyone Loves a Parade!

On Friday, May 21, the Festival will kick off with its traditional parade, which will leave the City Hall parking lot at 6 p.m. The route will be the same as that of last year's parade: from City Hall, the parade will turn left on Goddard and wind through Town, turn left on Bibbins at the Crane Funeral Home, and then turn right on Olive Street to end at the festival parking area (old South Junior High School site). There'll be plenty to see and hear, including floats, fire engines, marching bands, and clowns.

Free Prize Drawings

Thanks to the generosity and support of many local merchants and businessmen, a variety of free prizes will be given away at this year's festival. The drawings for these prizes will be held at 9 p.m. on Thursday; 10 p.m. on Friday; 4 and 10 p.m. on Saturday; and 4 and 9:30 p.m. on Sunday. Free Prize Drawings are open to anyone at least 18 years of age; you must be present to win.

Music for Your Ears . . . and Your Feet!

Part of the entertainment at this year's Michigan Week Festival will be a host of live bands: First Choice will play oldies, country, and contemporary dance music on Thursday from 6 to 11 p.m. and on Saturday from 7 to 11 p.m.; Spectrum will perform a variety of music, featuring '50s, '60s, and contemporary sets, on Friday from 7 to 11 p.m.; the Brownstown Fun Lovers will play at the Romulus Historic Park on Saturday from 2 to 2:45 p.m.; Side by Side (a group comprised of banjo pickers Bill Jackson, Lou Marvicsin, and Al Allotta) will entertain at the Romulus Historic Park from 4 to 5 p.m. on Saturday; "The Dulcimer Lady," Charlene Berry, will perform in the Romulus Historical Museum on Saturday from 3 to 5 p.m.; the Romulus High School Jazz Band will perform the songs of Charles Mingus, Charlie Parker, and others on Saturday from 4:30 to 6 p.m.; Lifeline will perform light gospel in the Arts & Crafts Building on Sunday from 1 to 2 p.m.; and Sherman Arnold and Interstate will perform '50s, '60s, and rock-a-billy (with a special tribute to Elvis Presley featured in the second set) on Sunday from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. Unless otherwise noted, all shows will be given in the Entertainment Tent.

Romulus Michigan Week Festival, 1993

TUESDAY, MAY 18

Carnival (W.G. Wade Shows) offers ride-all-day tickets for \$8 each

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19

Carnival offers ride-all-day tickets for \$8 each

THURSDAY, MAY 20 (Festival Sneak-Peak Day)

Carnival offers ride-all-day tickets for \$8 each

6:00p-10:00p Entertainment Tent is open
6:00p-10:00p Refreshment Tent is open
6:00p-11:00p First Choice (live band) performs in the Entertainment Tent
9:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

FRIDAY, MAY 21

Carnival is open for business all afternoon and evening

6:00p Parade leaves City Hall
6:00p-9:00p Arts & Crafts Building is open
6:00p-12:00a Bingo Tent is open
6:00p-12:00a Refreshment Tent is open
7:00p-11:00p Spectrum (live band) performs in the Entertainment Tent
10:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

SATURDAY, MAY 22

7:00a-1:00p Kiwanis Club's Pancake Feast is held in the Entertainment Tent
12:00p-? Free Youth Day Games for ages 4-12 are held on the grassy lawn near the Recreation Building
12:00p-7:00p Arts & Crafts Building is open
12:00p-12:00a Carnival is open for business
12:00p-12:00a Bingo Tent is open
12:00p-12:00a Refreshment Tent is open
12:30p Recreation Department's Diaper Derby for crawlers is held in the Recreation Building (pre-registration is required by May 21; cost is \$1)
1:00p Stage presentation of *Cinderella* is given in the Entertainment Tent (free admission)
1:00p-1:45p Sixth Gate Cloggers perform at Romulus Historic Park
1:00p-5:00p The Romulus Historical Museum is open to the public (free admission)
2:00p Rotten Sneaker Contest (for ages 7 to 17) is held in the Entertainment Tent
2:00p-2:45p Brownstown Fun Lovers perform at Romulus Historic Park
2:15p MTM Dance Productions dancers perform in the Entertainment Tent
3:00p-3:45p Rumbly Thunder Cloggers and the New Dimension Cloggers perform at Romulus Historic Park
3:00p-5:00p The Dulcimer Lady performs in the Romulus Historical Museum
3:15p Romulus NJROTC Drill Team performs on the festival grounds
4:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)
4:00p-5:00p Side by Side (banjo players) performs at Romulus Historic Park
4:30p-6:00p The Romulus High School Jazz Band performs in the Entertainment Tent
7:00p-11:00p First Choice (live band) performs in the Entertainment Tent
10:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

SUNDAY, MAY 23

12:00p-2:00p Joel Newton gives an Oil Painting Demonstration in the Entertainment Tent
12:00p-6:00p Arts & Crafts Building is open
12:00p-10:00p Carnival is open for business
12:00p-10:00p Bingo Tent is open
12:00p-10:00p Refreshment Tent is open
1:00p-2:00p Lifeline (live group) performs light gospel in the Arts & Crafts Building
1:00p-5:00p The Romulus Historical Museum is open to the public (free admission)
2:00p-4:00p Recreation Department sponsors youth dancing and a karate demonstration in the Entertainment Tent
4:00p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)
4:00p-10:00p Carnival offers pay-one-price tickets for \$8
5:30p-9:30p Sherman Arnold and Interstate (live band) performs in the Entertainment Tent (second set features a tribute to Elvis Presley)
9:30p Festival Committee Raffle Drawing is held in the Entertainment Tent
9:30p Free Prize Drawings (must be at least 18 years old to enter, and must be present to win)

Other Entertainment

Performing other demonstrations of interest will be dancers from Romulus' own MTM Dance Productions (in the Entertainment Tent on Saturday at 2:15 p.m.); Commander Tim Marvin's Romulus NJROTC (Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps) Drill Team (on the festival grounds at 3:15 p.m. on Saturday); and – in a program sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Department – youth dancers and karate students, who will perform in the Entertainment Tent from 2 to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Arts & Crafts Building

The Arts & Crafts Building, located in the southeast corner of the festival grounds, will be open Friday from 6 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 7 p.m., and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. Featured for sale will be a wide assortment of beautiful handmade crafts, including quilts.

Bingo

Everyone's favorite game of chance will be sponsored this year by the Belleville Women of the Moose (Chapter 1135) and the Huron Valley Conservation Association. All proceeds will assist the Women of the Moose in carrying out a number of charitable activities.

The Bingo Tent will be open from 6 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Friday; 12 p.m. to 12 a.m. on Saturday; and 12 to 10 p.m. on Sunday.

Eat, Drink, and Be Merry!

No carnival is complete without food and drink, and this year's event has plenty of both!

The Romulus Kiwanis Club's All-You-Can Eat Pancake Feast (Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent; tickets are \$3.50 for adults, \$2.50 for seniors, and \$2 for children ages five to 12) includes a glass of orange juice, a bottomless cup of coffee, and one serving of sausage links.

A variety of concession food will also be available, and adults (21 and over) can visit the Belleville Moose's Refreshment Tent for beer and wine coolers (soft drinks also served).

Heritage Day

The Romulus Historical Society has organized Heritage Day, an afternoon of nostalgic displays and music to be held on Saturday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Romulus Historic Park. The Historical Museum will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday.

Kids' Day Events

Among the Kids' Day events scheduled for Saturday are free Youth Day Games (for children ages 4 to 12), co-sponsored by the Romulus Recreation Department and the City Assessor's Office, at 12 p.m. on the grassy area near the Recreation Building; a stage presentation of *Cinderella* at 1 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent; and a Rotten Sneaker Contest (sneakers must be wearable!) at 2 p.m. in the Entertainment Tent. □

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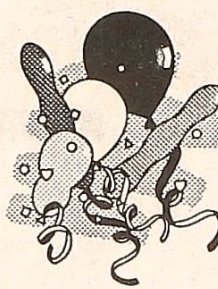
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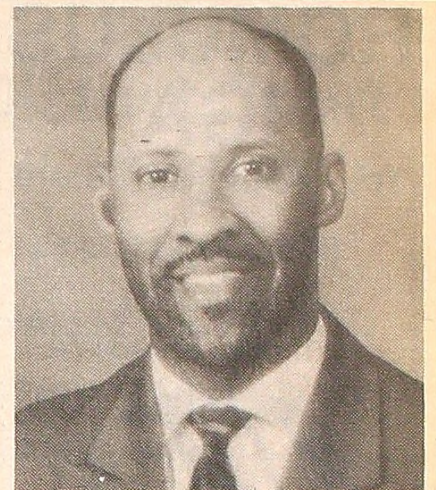
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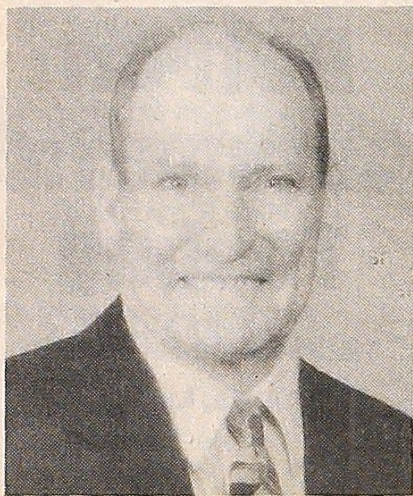
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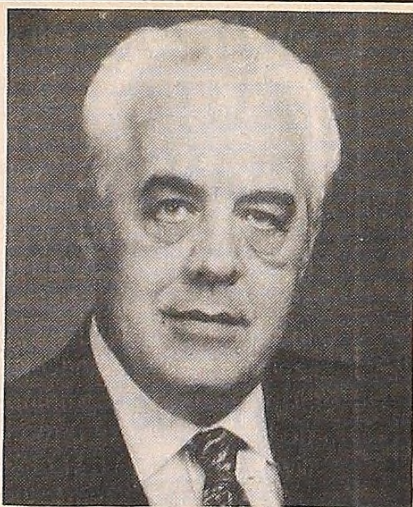
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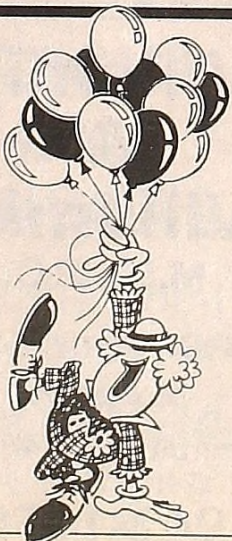
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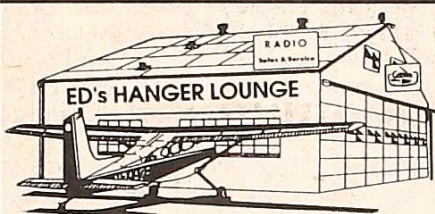
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Letter to the Editor

Parent Protests Transfer of Morgan Manor Students from Wick to Barth

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to the Romulus Board of Education's recent decision to move "Morgan Manor children" to another school.

I, Robert Neimann, the father of two children in Wick Elementary School, am very curious and concerned about this move. For any parent reading this, I will try to be as factual and as honest as I can regarding the questions I have about this "reassignment." You other parents who are not affected *at this time*, please bear with me and read on.

First: Why were the children affected by this move notified at school and asked to stand up in class, when the parents had not – and still have not – been notified in writing about it?

Second: Why did the Board choose to transfer the Morgan Manor students? This was certainly not done as a "geographical move," because people between Morgan Manor and Barth Elementary (example: all of Herman Street) are not affected by this change.

Third: I know that many of you reading this do not receive any kind of government assistance; neither do I. But does this move have something to do with the belief that most students from Morgan Manor are from lower-income families who do receive assistance? I was told by a very reliable source that, generally, "lower-income" children who receive aid are underachievers – and that this was a determining factor in the change. Well, apparently none of the Board members receive assistance, or

they would know that this is not true.

I am a Romulus resident. I pay property taxes here, indirectly, through the rent I pay for my apartment at Morgan Manor. I think that our school system is a good school system, but I think that the Board of Education went about this particular decision in a totally inconsiderate and inappropriate manner.

So that all of you know, I am the father of two boys who live in Morgan Manor – one of whom is and has been on the "honor roll" consistently; the other is only one grade point away. They are nine and six years old, and live with their mother – who receives assistance and is doing an excellent job.

For those of you out there, sitting comfortably at home thinking, "Well, this can't happen to my kids!" I have only this to say: What about the *many* people (some whose families had lived in the same home for generations) who had to change not only their schools, but their very homes, because of the Airport expansion. None of us know when we will suddenly be at the mercy of some government institution.

I, Robert Neimann, sincerely ask for your support at the next Board Meeting (Monday, May 24), which I will be attending in the hopes of finding another solution to this matter.

Respectfully,

Robert J. Neimann, Sr.

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- Sell your home.
- Apply for a mortgage.
- Get mortgage approval.

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"Forty-five to 60 days!" you say. "If we want to move by the time school begins, we'll have to call our realtor today!"

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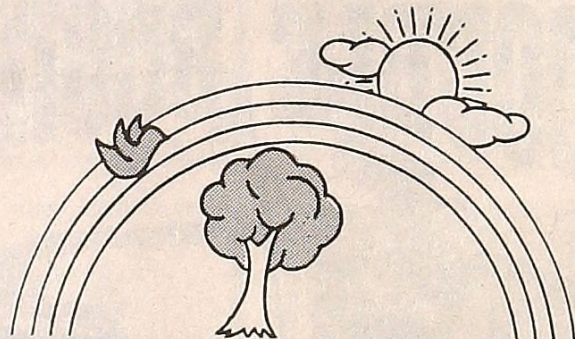
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REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 26, 1993

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held Monday, April 26, 1993, was called to order by President Wilkerson at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed Member Hoffman absent. All Administrators were present.

(Member Hoffman arrived at 7:47 P.M.)

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wilkerson.

Approval of Agenda:

4/93/14 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings:

4/93/15 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board approve the Minutes of April 5, 14, and 20, 1993, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Communications and Expressions from the Public:

There were no communications and expressions from the public.

Report of the Superintendent:

Personnel Actions

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval:

4/93/16 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board of Education approve the Resolution to lay off the following teachers effective at the end of the 1992-93 school year: Cassandra Barrs, Sandra Godbout, Duayne Harper, Scott Ramsay, Christine Wainman, and Sarah Smith. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Dr. LeCesne recommended the following Personnel Actions for Board approval: **A. Resignation:** Julie Audo, Psych. - Sp. Serv., Eff. 6/18/93. **B. Retirements:** Evelyn Gehm, Teacher - Barth, Eff. 6/30/93; Richard Kahle, Teacher - Sr. High, Eff. 6/30/93; Michael Kirda, Teacher - Jr. High, Eff. 6/30/93; Joan Olszewski, Teacher - Halecreek, Eff. 6/30/93; Mary Peterson, Teacher - Halecreek, Eff. 6/30/93; Nancy Shirley, Teacher - Jr. High, Eff. 6/30/93.

4/93/17 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board of Education approve the Personnel Actions as recommended by Dr. LeCesne. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Bills for Payment

4/93/18 Moved by Langley supported by Patterson the Board of Education approve the Bills for Payment as recommended by Administrator Carr. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Budget Update - Auditors' Report

4/93/19 Moved by Langley supported by King the Board of Education receive the financial report through March 31, 1993, from Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Vehicle Purchase

4/93/20 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board of Education purchase one Bluebird Ortho Handy Bus from McFadden Corporation at a cost of \$57,685. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Girl Scout Request - Old South

4/93/21 Moved by Patterson supported by King the Board of Education approve the Girl Scouts using old South Junior High field for a service unit encampment. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Junior High Band Field Trip - Niagara

4/93/22 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board authorize Junior High band members to go to Niagara Falls, Darien Lakes, and Canada Wonderland. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Merriman Trip - Washington, D.C.

4/93/23 Moved by Patterson supported by Hoffman the Board of Education authorize Merriman's sixth-grade students to go to Washington, D.C., on April 28, 1993. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

NJROTC Trip - Charleston, SC

4/93/24 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board of Education authorize NJROTC cadets to attend an orientation visit to the Naval Base at Charleston, South Carolina, from May 3 to May 6, 1993. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Head Start Trip - Toledo Zoo

4/93/25 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board of Education authorize Head Start students to visit the Toledo Zoo on June 10, 1993. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

St. Aloysius Field Trip

4/93/26 Moved by Bales supported by Patterson the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the field trip for St. Aloysius seventh/eighth graders to Cedar Point as described in the memo from Principal Gale dated 4/20/93. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Safety Patrol Field Trip - Merriman

4/93/27 Moved by King supported by Patterson the Board of Education accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the safety patrols to go to Cedar Point on June 4, 1993. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

Proposed Policy - Rotate Officers

4/93/28 Moved by King supported by Langley the Board accept the recommendation of the Policy Committee and approve the new policy for rotating Board of Education leadership positions. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Bales). Motion carried.

Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Dr. Bedell discussed the following Items of Interest with Board Members: 1) Neil Shine Visit; 2) Saturday Classes - Tom Dolan; 3) Article - Teen Health Center; 4) County Superintendent's Visit; 5) LaChance Letter to Bedell; 6) WCASB Legislative Reception; and 7) Civil Rights Complaint - Mega League.

Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Member Langley - Questioned about teachers wearing face masks.

Member King - WCASB Legislative Reception is May 6, 1993. WCASA's meeting was held last week.

Member Patterson - Asked when yearbook would be in.

Member Bales - Inquired when lottery would be held for the Board positions rotation. Dr. Bedell stated that the policy language would be clarified further.

Member Langley - At the High School, local scholarships are available - Art Council. Drug Free Schools signs need to be put in place as soon as possible.

Adjournment:

4/93/29 Moved by Bales supported by King the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted, Howard J. Kesner, Secretary, Romulus Board of Education



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Especially excited about Haleigh's arrival was her big sister Heather.

Haleigh's grandparents are John and Sharon Murphy (Romulus, MI), Thomas Rousseau (Hudson, FL), and Jerome and Jean Swierzb (Dearborn Heights, MI). Joseph Rousseau (Hudson, FL) is her great-grandfather. □



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Obituary

Geraldine A. Dugan

Geraldine A. Dugan – a resident of Washington, Michigan – died on Tuesday, May 11, 1993. She was 63 years old.

Geraldine, a homemaker, was born in Romulus, Michigan, on March 23, 1930.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Dugan; two sons, Glen Thomas (Harrison Township, MI) and Drake P. Dugan (Washington, MI); two brothers, James and Jack DeMara (both of Michigan); four sisters, Mrs. Leonard (Elizabeth) Pitcher (Allen Park, MI), Mrs.

Raymond (Shirley) Duchelle (LaGuna, CA), Mrs. Ralph (Joan Marie) Whitehead (Phelps, WI); and Mrs. Raymond (Mary Ann) Verrot (Banita Springs, FL); and three grandchildren, Laura, Brian, and Katie Dugan.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, May 15, at St. Aloysius Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Steve Recker officiating. Burial was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI). □

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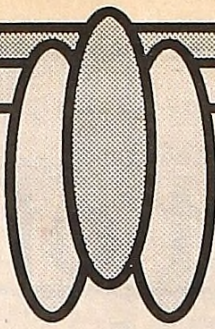
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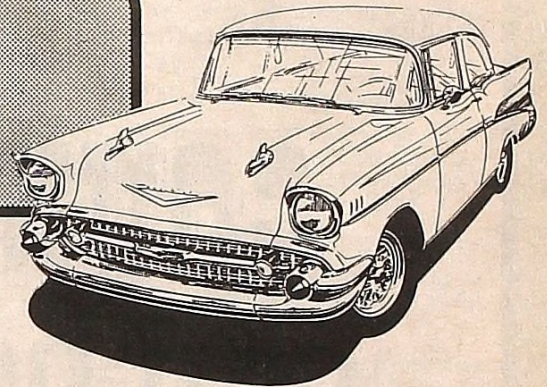
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